



# Lake Park Villager

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## **CLERK'S CORNER**

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

**June 13** – 7:00 Budget Public Hearing and Village Council Meeting

**June 28** – 7:00 Parks and Rec. Meeting

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **LAKE PARK SAGES – ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

JUNE 9, 7:00 PM, FAITH CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

### **“GROWING PROFITS IN LAKE PARK”**

JUNE 12, 7:00 AM, COMMUNITY CENTER, WORKSHOP FOR BUSINESS LEADERS

### **LAKE PARK HOA MEETING**

JUNE 15, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB**

JUNE 19, 6:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

END-OF-YEAR COVERED DISH DINNER

### **LAKE PARK PLUS (NAIC INVESTMENT STUDY CLUB)**

JUNE 21, 7:00 PM, 5409 CREFT CIRCLE

### **MOVIE IN THE PARK**

JUNE 23, 8:30 PM, LAKE PARK TOWN CENTER GAZEBO

### **LAKE PARK CAREFREE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING**

JUNE 27, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSN MEETING**

JULY 17, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **DIVE-IN MOVIE (PIZZA AND DRINKS)**

JULY 21, 8:00 – 11:00 PM, LAKE PARK POOL

### **LAKE PARK PLUS (NAIC INVESTMENT STUDY CLUB)**

JULY 26, 7:00 PM, 3825 FAITH CHURCH RD.

## **Council Considers Budget**

*Budget for FY 2006-2007*

During their May 2006 meeting, the Lake Park Council presented a proposed budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year that supports two clear visions that the Council has for Lake Park. The Council shares the vision that Lake Park is a community set apart by its parks and common areas and neighborhoods. This includes ensuring that Lake Park is virtually crime-free, including free of vandalism.

To support these ideals, the Council's proposed budget anticipates revenues and appropriations totaling \$847,709, an increase of roughly \$50,000 over 2005-06. The majority of the increase comes from funding additional security and increasing funds for improved park maintenance. The Council was able to recoup part of the increased spending by cutting back in less essential line items. However, they are proposing a one cent increase in the ad valorem tax to cover the remaining revenue shortfall.

The council is considering funding an additional deputy, Lake Park as a possible way to increase security. The increased funds for the common areas will enable replacement of park benches and hasten necessary repairs to structures such as the Town Center gazebo. Park repairs are critical to preserving the character and beauty of our parks and ponds. The budget will be presented in a public hearing on June 13 at 7:00 PM in

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## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

DECORATE your bikes, strollers, skateboards, etc. and join The Lake Park Parade around Russell Park. EVERYONE: Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy a day of fun and relaxation in Russell Park. VOLUNTEER to help with this great day (contact Fleta Thomas at 704-882-6519)

All Day	- Free swimming for residents
11:45	- Parade line up at community center
12:00	- Parade Begins
12:45-2:30	- 50 cent hot dogs/hamburgers/drinks served
1:00-3:00	- Entertainment

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## For your information...

### Waterfowl Feeding – Why is this unwise?

In April, the council posted four signs at the entrances to the Village. These signs outline regulations and guidelines for the parks. One item mentions that waterfowl must not be fed. Information attached to this newsletter explains why such feeding is prohibited.

### Newsletter Attachments

Occasionally, the *Lake Park Villager* delivery will coincide with non-related deliveries. Attachments that are part of the official newsletter will be stapled to the newsletter itself. These are the ONLY items that are part of this Council endorsed publication.

### Clock Tower Update

One of the main drive motors for the clocks has stopped functioning. The council is now looking at options for replacing the motor so that the clocks can once again indicate the proper time.

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the community center. The public is welcome to attend to learn more about the budget for next year. As always, public comments and questions may be voiced during either the hearing or during the Public Comments on the subsequent council meeting agenda

## Task Force Recommendation

During the May 2006 Lake Park Council meeting, the security task force presented their findings. They examined options for enhancing the security within the village that include starting a village police force, using a code enforcement officer, hiring another deputy or continuing with one deputy. Their research found that the hiring another deputy provides the most benefit to the community for the given cost. The council will continue to consider this recommendation during the June 2006 meeting.

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## Security Report

*For April 2006*

In April, the Sheriff's office fielded 59 calls within Lake Park. Of these 59 calls, the deputy assigned to Lake Park responded to 38. Ten of the calls were disturbances and 8 were for traffic stops. Eleven of the calls were due to false alarms with only two addresses accounting for 8 of these false alarms. Deputy Miles would like to remind residents with alarms to make sure that their systems are in proper working order to avoid these costly calls.

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## From the Lake Park Economic Development Commission:

Grand Opening of the Fireside Coffee May 17. Monique and Michael Konarzewski have expanded their menu to include many more selections for breakfast and lunch items.

Residents visiting our village gathering places ensure that our neighbor businesses will be established for years to come. When adult residents gather, they often provide an example of wholesome public behavior and a caring presence, leading younger patrons and visitors to enjoy courteous companions in a hometown atmosphere. It takes a village to model good citizenship to residents and visitors of all ages. The Economic Development Committee encourages all residents to frequent our businesses. See you in the Village!